Poor House.

46. **Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—In the answer to question No. 180 of the Legislative Session of 1103, will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether the building said to have been constructed in a (2) of the question is the Poor House ;

(2) who was the officer who visited this building used as hostel and what is his report ;

(3) has the Government looked into the title deed of the site referred to in (a) (1) of the answer ; if not, will the Government call for a copy of the title deed from the party or from the Kunnamkulam Registry Office and place it on the Table of the House ?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(1) Yes.

(2) The building was visited by the Diwan and the Director of Public Instruction. There has been no official report.

(3) No ; in view of the copy of the letter of the Honorary Secretary which is appended, Government do not consider it necessary to call for the title deed. (*Vide Appendix I.*)

Contract with Mr. Namberumal Chettiar.

47. **Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—Will the Government be pleased to place on the Table of the House a copy of the agreement dated 3rd February 1912 with Mr. Namberumal Chettiar, contractor, Madras, for the delivery of 60,000 candies of teak by the Government at Trichur Saw Mill and to state:—

2. (a) what were the actual expenses incurred by the Government to fell, collect and deliver the said quantity of timber ; and

(b) what was the amount realised under the agreement ?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—A copy of the agreement is placed on the Council Table.

2. (a) Timber to Mr. T. Namberumal Chetty was supplied from the Chalakkudi Depot out of the stock that arrived from the hills. During the currency of this contract, there were other sales also from the Chalakkudi Depot. As the registers of the Chalakkudi Depot got damaged in the floods of 1099, it is not possible to accurately find out which all coupe logs of O. W. C. were supplied to Mr. T. Namberumal Chetty. Without knowing this, it is not possible to find out the exact expenditure incurred.

(b) The amount realised was Rs. 11,85,000.

Nominated Member of a Village Panchayat.

48. **Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—Will the Government be pleased to state;—

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(a) what are the qualifications to be nominated a member of the Village Panchayat ;

(b) are difficulties experienced to nominate members with such high qualifications ;

(c) is there any proposal to reduce the minimum property qualification ; if so, what are the proposals ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(a) The Member is referred to the answers to questions 195 (c) of the Budget Session of 1101, 170 of the Legislative Session of 1102 and 12 of the Budget Session of 1102.

(b) No.

(c) Yes. The proposal is to reduce the amount of assessment referred to in rule 1 (v) of the Election Rules.

Motor vehicles accidents.

49. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the total number of accidents in the State for the last two years from motor vehicles ;

(d) the total number of mortality by the same ;

(c) the number of cases that were charged in the Criminal Courts ;

(d) the number of cases that were convicted ; and

(e) the total number acquitted or discharged during the said period?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—

(a) 66.

(b) 6.

(c) 30.

(d) 13.

(e) 7.

Diversion of the Manali River.

50. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state what is the report of the Special Irrigation Officer with regard to the diversion of the Manali River ?

Mr. A. K Vengu Ayyar.—A statement on the subject is appended. (*Vide Appendix II.*)

Thannikkudam Scheme.

51. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the Table the papers in connection with the Thannikkudam Scheme?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The Chief Engineer's report C. No. 930 of 1101, dated 26th July 1927, is placed on the Council Table.

Bridge over the Chengal Canal.

52. Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to state —

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